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WORLD PER CAPITA MEAT
CONSUMPTION IN 1970

Summary

Per capita consumption of red meats showed some significant changes in the world's major exporting countries in 1970. In Argentina, beef and veal consumption was down almost 10 percent from year earlier levels. In Denmark, pork consumption was up 14 percent while in Australia, beef, and veal consumption was down 5 percent and mutton and lamb consumption, down 7 percent.

Beef and Veal. Argentina continued to be the leading per capita consumer of beef and veal in 1970, despite a drop of nearly 10 percent to 176 pounds. The sharp drop reflected a shortage of supplies and higher prices. The wholesale price of Argentine beef averaged 42 percent higher in 1970 than in 1969.

Per capita consumption in Paraguay was down 12 percent to 101 pounds.

Uruguay's per capita beef and veal consumption recovered somewhat in 1970 from the extremely low level of 1969. At 133 pounds it was 40 percent greater than a year ago. Despite this tremendous increase, per capita consumption is still about 45 pounds below the 1961-65 average. Beef and veal production in Uruguay in 1970 was at its highest level since 1965 and exports were 20 percent above a year earlier.

Pork. World pork production in 1970 was up 4 percent from the previous year. Most of the increase was consumed in the producing countries so per capita consumption increased or maintained the previous year's level in most of the countries enumerated.

Denmark regained its No. 1 position with an increase of 14 percent to 88 pounds per capita.

Pork consumption in Australia has increased steadily and in 1970 reached a new high of 30 pounds per capita.

Mutton, Lamb, and Goat Meat. Australia, New Zealand, and Uruguay are the largest per capita consumers of mutton and lamb. In 1970, consumption was down 7 percent to 82 pounds per capita in Australia and down 20 percent to 46 pounds in Uruguay. World consumption of goat meat is small in relation to lamb and mutton. The major producers of goat meat are India, Greece, Turkey, and Brazil.

The 1970 decline in Australian mutton and lamb consumption was due to an increase in exports which was not fully compensated by increased production. Mutton stocks were also larger at the end of 1970 than at the beginning due to the U.S. and Canadian bans on Australian mutton imports because of sanitary requirements. As far back as 1967, per capita consumption of lamb and mutton in Australia was about equal. Since then, as incomes increase, Australian consumers have shown a preference for lamb.

In Uruguay a lower level of lamb and mutton production and greater exports accounted for the decline in consumption.

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Total meat: Per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1961-65, annual 1968-70

Continent and country	Average 1961-65	1968	1969	2/ 1970
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:				
Canada	141	159	158	161
United States	167	183	182	186
Mexico	39	37	37	38
Costa Rica	35	24	27	27
Dominican Republic	22	18	19	20
El Salvador	26	22	20	20
Guatemala	22	24	22	21
Honduras	15	16	14	15
Nicaragua	41	48	50	48
Panama	54	54	59	57
South America:				
Argentina	198	213	225	204
Brazil	53	56	57	50
Chile	60	63	63	63
Colombia	56	50	50	50
Paraguay	104	91	116	101
Peru	36	32	27	28
Uruguay	238	214	172	196
Venezuela	51	53	53	52
Europe:				
Western:				
EC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	113	130	132	137
France	128	138	136	138
Germany, West	120	133	134	141
Italy	58	71	71	73
Netherlands	96	105	101	105
EC	103	115	115	119
Austria	121	127	132	132
Denmark	128	124	125	136
Finland	78	82	88	89
Greece	51	68	73	81
Ireland	110	117	122	126
Norway	79	84	84	83
Portugal	41	47	51	50
Spain	47	63	64	70
Sweden	101	104	102	106
Switzerland	112	122	125	130
United Kingdom	141	138	138	138
Eastern:				
Bulgaria	69	87	78	78
Czechoslovakia	101	115	98	95
Hungary	88	93	86	89
Poland	82	94	93	89
Yugoslavia	61	72	62	69
USSR	67	81	80	82
Africa:				
South Africa, Republic of	80	71	77	75
Asia:				
China, Taiwan	42	54	56	62
Israel	31	48	47	47
Japan	13	19	21	23
Philippines	25	29	30	27
Turkey	33	31	33	33
Oceania:				
Australia 3/	212	203	211	201
New Zealand 3/	228	240	225	230

1/ Carcass weight basis; includes horse meat.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Year ending June 30.

1/
Beef and veal: Per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1961-65, annual 1968-70

Continent and country	Average 1961-65	1968	1969	2/ 1970
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:				
Canada	85	96	96	94
United States	99	113	114	117
Mexico	24	22	23	24
Costa Rica	27	18	21	20
Dominican Republic	16	13	14	14
El Salvador	17	14	13	13
Guatemala	18	20	18	17
Honduras	12	13	10	11
Nicaragua	27	29	30	28
Panama	46	46	50	48
South America:				
Argentina	169	182	194	176
Brazil	39	40	41	35
Chile	40	43	40	40
Colombia	49	44	44	44
Paraguay	104	91	116	101
Peru	19	17	14	13
Uruguay	179	141	95	133
Venezuela	40	44	43	42
Europe:				
Western:				
EC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	53	57	59	61
France	63	66	65	65
Germany, West	48	51	52	55
Italy	36	44	45	46
Netherlands	44	44	42	44
EC	49	52	53	54
Austria	43	48	49	49
Denmark	37	43	46	46
Finland	43	42	46	42
Greece	18	30	34	37
Ireland	31	37	38	40
Norway	33	34	33	31
Portugal	14	18	21	21
Spain	16	24	25	27
Sweden	43	42	42	41
Switzerland	53	56	57	59
United Kingdom	57	53	54	55
Eastern:				
Bulgaria	20	28	25	26
Czechoslovakia	39	45	41	40
Hungary	23	21	20	19
Poland	27	34	35	35
Yugoslavia	20	25	22	26
USSR	32	46	45	47
Africa:				
South Africa, Republic of	56	46	50	45
Asia:				
China, Taiwan	1	1	1	2
Israel	28	45	44	44
Japan	4	4	5	6
Philippines	6	6	6	5
Turkey	11	11	12	12
Oceania:				
Australia 3/	99	93	94	89
New Zealand 3/	103	126	109	114

- 1/ Carcass weight basis.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Year ending June 30.

1/
Pork: Per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1961-65, annual 1968-70

Continent and country	Average 1961-65	1968	1969	2/ 1970
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:				
Canada	52	57	55	61
United States	63	66	65	66
Mexico	11	12	11	11
Costa Rica	8	6	6	7
Dominican Republic	6	5	5	6
El Salvador	9	8	7	7
Guatemala	4	4	4	4
Honduras	3	3	4	4
Nicaragua	14	19	20	20
Panama	8	8	9	9
South America:				
Argentina	17	17	19	18
Brazil	13	15	15	14
Chile	11	11	13	13
Colombia	7	6	6	6
Peru	9	7	6	7
Uruguay	20	17	19	17
Venezuela	10	8	9	9
Europe:				
Western:				
EC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	52	65	65	67
France	55	62	61	62
Germany, West	71	81	81	85
Italy	18	24	23	23
Netherlands	49	57	54	56
EC	49	58	57	59
Austria	76	78	82	82
Denmark	89	79	77	88
Finland	32	37	40	45
Greece	9	12	12	14
Ireland	55	56	60	66
Norway	34	38	39	41
Portugal	20	22	23	22
Spain	21	29	29	33
Sweden	54	59	57	62
Switzerland	55	63	65	68
United Kingdom	59	61	61	61
Eastern:				
Bulgaria	32	37	33	32
Czechoslovakia	60	69	56	54
Hungary	62	70	65	69
Poland	52	57	55	52
Yugoslavia	35	41	34	37
USSR	25	26	26	26
Africa:				
South Africa, Republic of	7	7	8	8
Asia:				
China, Taiwan	41	53	55	60
Japan	7	12	12	14
Philippines	18	22	23	21
Oceania:				
Australia <u>3/</u>	24	27	29	30
New Zealand <u>3/</u>	33	28	28	28

1/ Carcass weight basis.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Year ending June 30.

1/
Mutton, lamb, and goat meat: Per capita consumption in specified countries,
average 1961-65, annual 1968-70

Continent and country	Average 1961-65	1968	1969	2/ 1970
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:				
Canada	4	6	7	6
United States	5	4	3	3
Mexico	3	3	3	2
South America:				
Argentina	12	14	12	10
Brazil	1	1	1	1
Chile	9	9	10	10
Colombia	3/	3/	3/	3/
Peru	8	8	7	8
Uruguay	39	56	58	46
Venezuela	1	1	1	1
Europe:				
Western:				
EC:				
Belgium and Luxembourg	1	1	1	1
France	5	6	6	7
Germany, West	1	1	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	3/	1	1	1
EC	2	2	2	2
Austria	3/	3/	3/	3/
Denmark	1	1	1	1
Finland	1	1	3/	3/
Greece	24	26	27	30
Ireland	24	24	24	23
Norway	10	11	11	10
Portugal	6	7	7	7
Spain	9	9	9	9
Sweden	1	1	1	1
Switzerland	2	2	2	2
United Kingdom	25	24	23	22
Eastern:				
Bulgaria	17	22	20	20
Czechoslovakia	1	1	1	1
Hungary	2	2	1	1
Poland	2	2	2	2
Yugoslavia	6	6	6	6
USSR	10	9	9	9
Africa:				
South Africa, Republic of	17	18	19	22
Asia:				
Israel	3	3	3	3
Japan	1	2	3	2
Philippines	3/	3/	3/	3/
Turkey	22	20	21	21
Oceania:				
Australia 4/	89	83	88	82
New Zealand 4/	92	86	88	88

1/ Carcass weight basis.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 0.5 pounds.

4/ Year ending June 30.

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